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#### belief

An idea or thought people feel is true or explains something, such as an event.



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#### coppice

To cut a plant down to the roots.



#### culture

The behaviors and beliefs of a particular group.







#### custom

An act that a group of people perform in the same way, such as celebrating an event.



#### fertile (land)

Land with nutrientrich soils that produce abundant plant growth.



#### legend

A story that a group of people tell about something, such as how an animal came to be.



### natural region

A geographic region with similar plants, animals, climate, and physical features.



#### natural resources

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.



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#### pests

Organisms, such as some insects, that harm people or resources people use.





prune
To cut off twigs,
branches, or roots.



tilling

Loosening the soil around plants to help them grow.



trade

The process of buying, selling, or exchanging things with others.

## tribal region

An area where people use similar resources, produce similar tools, and share other aspects of culture due to their environment.



#### tribe

A community of people, such as a particular group of California Indians, who have common ancestors and speak related languages.





#### weeding

Pulling unwanted plants from where other plants are growing.



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